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9 June 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of Mission Cl87C

1. General: Mission Cl87C (Canned Route 3012) was alerted by Project Headquarters at the 2000Z weather briefing on 23 May 1967 for take off on 25 May. This flight was planned as a round-robin out of [REDACTED] The planned track was drawn from launch base to DaNang to entry at the China mainland northwest of Hainan. From there the scheduled route was along the North Vietnam - South China border to a [REDACTED] Laos. Pilot for this mission was [REDACTED]

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Preplanned Mission Data:

Distance	1906 NM
Time to Landing	4+57 Hours
Penetration Altitude	69,700 Feet
Mission Profile	Maximum Altitude
Take-off Fuel	1150 Gallons
Planned Fuel Reserve at Hi Cone	155 Gallons

Targets: This mission was planned to fulfill a USIB requirement for high resolution photographic coverage of priority targets located in South China and near the North Vietnam border. 25 COMOR targets, of which 12 required base line coverage, were projected to be covered on this flight.

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25X1D 2. Mission Data as Flown: Article was launched at [] 25 May 1967. Landing time was [] Total flight time was 5+00 hours of which 14 minutes were spent over denied territory. Penetration was over the briefed point near Pei Hai Airfield at 69,500 feet. Only the first two flight lines were flown. The mission was aborted for weather at the North Vietnam - China border on the Gulf of Tonkin. The reverse of the outbound route was flown [] Only two of the COMOR targets programmed for coverage were photographed. Four bonus COMOR plus an additional eight targets were also covered. A total of 14 targets were picked up. The weather was worse than briefed which was the primary reason for aborting the mission. Forecast had called for Category II for about one-half of the flight lines and Category III for the remainder. Actual weather encountered over denied territory was Category IV and V.

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3. Air Defense Reactions (ChiCom):

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b. Fighter Reaction: No fighter sightings or interceptions were observed by the mission pilot.

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7. Photo Quality Analysis:

a. On the Film Evaluation Report, [] reported the quality as good except for metering and data recording which was rated fair. Discrepancies noted were:

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(1) Metering was erratic on 9L.

(2) 19 frames had double images on the data recorder.

(3) Slight static on both edges of 9L and 9R detected.

(4) A few pinholes were also apparent.

b. The Immediate Photo Interpretation Report submitted by [] reported the overall quality as fair with 55 percent cloud cover. All target photos obtained were considered fair or poor because of clouds, haze and/or obliquity. No discrepancies were reported on the "B-2" Configuration.

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8. Maintenance: Article 383 was scheduled and flown on Mission C187C. Discrepancies on the System 12B-1, doppler navigation system and autopilot were reported. Necessary action has been taken to correct the autopilot and doppler.

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Attachments - 2

1. Route Overlay
2. Targets Covered

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PART 1

TARGET COVERAGE REPORT

MISSION: CL87C (canned mission 3012)

(PROGRAMMED TARGETS)

COMOR NO.

INSTALLATION NAME

COVERED
INTERPRETABILITY

REMARKS

	Fang Cheng Army Bks	(CH)	yes	poor	scattered cloud
	Mong Cai Complex	(VN)	yes	fair	haze
	Pei Hai Naval Facility	(CH)	no		
	Lang Son A/F	(VN)	no		
	Dong Dang Complex	(VN)	no		
	Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR Seg 1	(CH)	no		
	Ping Hsiang Ammo Depot	(CH)	no		
	Ping Hsiang Complex	(CH)	no		
	Ping Hsiang Army Depot	(CH)	no		
	Tein Yang Poss. Mil. Install.	(CH)	no		
	Tein Yang Airfield	(CH)	no		
	Wu-Pu Chieh Road Construction	(CH)	no		
	Ho Kou Military Camp	(CH)	no		
	Lao Kay Complex	(VN)	no		
	Wei Chou Island Suspect Shipyard	(CH)	no		
	Lung Men Naval Station	(CH)	no		
	Pai Lung Port Facilities	(CH)	no		
	Loc Binh Army Supply Depot	(VN)	no		
	Lang Son Military Complex	(VN)	no		
	Lang Son Complex	(VN)	no		
	Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Seg. 1	(VN)	no		
	Cao Bang Complex	(VN)	no		
	Ma Li Po Supply Depot	(CH)	no		
	Lai Chau Complex	(VN)	no		

TARGET COVERAGE REPORT

(BONUS COMOR TARGETS)

INSTALLATION NAME

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(OTHER BONUS TARGETS)

INSTALLATION NAME

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